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SUBJ: GRAIN RESERVES: MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT
COUNCIL PREPARATORY GROUP

REF: LONDON 6642, MAY 1, 1975

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAROTTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL (IWC) TOLD EMBOFF ON MAY 12 THAT HIS CONCEPTION OF THE ROLE OF THE IWC PREP GROUP IS THAT IT SHOULD PRESS AHEAD FULL SPEED WITH THE WORK AT HAND. PAROTTE OBVIOUSLY HOPES THAT HE WILL HAVE A CLEAR MANDATE TO EXPLORE THE GRAIN RESERVES CONCEPT IN DEPTH. HE ENVISAGES THE GROUP'S SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
MAY 29,30 - PRELIMINARY STUDY OF PAPERS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS. THE IDEA HERE WOULD BE TO GET THE WORK OFF THE GROUND WITH A SUBSEQUENT MEETING CALLED FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7--PERHAPS FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK--FOR STUDY IN DEPTH. DURING THE LATTER MEETING, THE DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE SCHEDULE OF THE PREP GROUP SHOULD BE.

2. PAROTTE'S MAJOR CONCERNS AT THIS POINT IN TIME ARE TWOFOLD: (A) TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS ALL PAPERS IN TIME FOR THE MAY 29,30 MEETING, AND (B) TO OBTAIN A CLEARER IDEA OF HOW THE WORK OF THE PREP GROUP SHOULD MESH WITH THAT OF THE MTN SUB-GROUP ON GRAINS. REGARDING (A), PAROTTE SAID THE SECRETARIAT HAS COMPLETED COMMENTS ON THE PAPERS SO FAR RECEIVED AND WILL GET RIGHT ON THE US PAPER AS SOON AS THAT IS RECEIVED. HE INTENDS TO HOLD THE SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS HOWEVER UNTIL THE TIME OF THE MEETING OR JUST BEFORE IN ORDER NOT TO DIVERT INTEREST FROM THE PAPERS THEMSELVES OR TO INFLUENCE OTHERS COMMENTS. AT THIS TIME, HE DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STUDIES--THERE IS PLENTY OF GRIST AT HAND. CONCERNING (B), PAROTTE SAID HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE WITH THE GATT SECRETARIAT WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE GIVEN LITTLE THOUGHT TO HOW THE WORK OF THE SUB-GROUP SHOULD BE DEVELOPED, AND SPECIFICALLY HOW THIS WORK SHOULD MESH WITH THAT OF THE IWC.

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3. COMMENT: PAROTTE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON HOW WE THINK WORK OF THE PREPARATORY GROUP SHOULD PROCEED. HE VERY MUCH WANTS TO RUN WITH THE BALL, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE SEEMS TO BE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT, THUS HIS INTEREST IN HOW WE SEE PREPCOM WORK MESHING WITH THAT OF THE MTN.

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